THE WAR OF CHRIST

The Topic of a Sermon by Rev. Joseph Speers of the

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YESTERDAY - REFERS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND SPEAKS AT LENGTH OF THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE - AGNOSTICISM AN ENEMY OF THE CAUSE OF CHRIST-THE AFTERNOON SER-VICE AT THE Y. M. C. A.-OTHER SERVICES YESTERDAY.

Yesterday, at the Second Presbyterian church, in the morning, and at Vance Memorial church, Altenheim, in the evening, Rev. Joseph Speers preached on "The Christian Warfare," taking as his text these words: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds," from 2 Cor. 10:4.

As a natural consequence of the stir ring and anxious time through which we are passing, the mind naturally dwells upon war. "War! War! War!" is the headline which meets the eye, in the daily press, on the bulletin board of the stock exchange, to advertise the latest patent medicine, or an advance in the price of wheat. Turn where you will you cannot escape from it: the pulpit and platform alike are absorbed in the "result" which a few hours may

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The whole world is interested. The peace of the world is at stake; the security of thrones is in the balance, and it might be said of some of these thrones that they have been weighed and found wanting.

I have introduced the subject of war, but the warfare I have in mind is distinguished from that with which this nation stands face to face, in that "our warfare" is of good. It is "divine and not human" origin.

War is the result of oppression, tyrrany, slavery, ambition, corruption, crime, of hellish passions and sin, and all these have reached an unusual magnitude in the great question which the President of these United States and his counciliors are trying to decide, in accordance with the natural law, the laws of man, and the laws of God.

We believe that our legislators are capable of interpreting all these laws; that most of them recognize the laws of God as supreme, and having this law written on their hearts they are acting accordingly, and so leaving the laws and councils of men, let us turn to the law and councils of men, let us turn to the Java and councils of men, let us turn to the Java and councils of men, let us turn to the Java and councils of men, let us turn to the Java and councils of men stay they are acting accordingly, and so leaving the laws and councils of men stay they are acting accordingly, and so leaving the laws and councils of men stay they are acting accordingly, and so leaving the laws and councils of men, let us turn to the law and councils of men, let us turn to the same or spreamatives, of whose head is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the Lord Jesus Christ is accepted by us as the Divine Son of God, and the captain of our salvation; we acknowledge the character of our warfare as spiritual; based on righteousness; for truth, justice, and equity. It is a war of holiness against sin, of obedience against rebellion, of the reign of God against the prince of darkness; to bring freedom to all tho wo

When we turn to the volumes written a "The War," what misery, devasta-on and death appears before our eyes! ince the day when Cain made war on on "The War," what misery, devastation and death appears before our eyes! Since the day when Cain made war on his brother Abel, it has been one insatiable monster, spreading misery and woe through the length and breadth of the world. Peace, comfort, health, happiness are exiled by its terrible influence and our hearts grow sick at the very word war. But when we turn to the book of books, the volume of life, we find "our war" is one of mercy and love; our weapons are to pour out a great fire of compassion and goodness upon a sin-bound, sin-sick world; our banner heralds, "peace on eath and good will toward men," and the occupation of this army is to bestow blessings and comfort in its triumphal march to the city which lieth four square in the paradise of God.

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ity with angels.

Our warfare is not spasmedic. Ie began with time and will only end with oternity. The enemy which we are fighting is strongly entrenched. He fortified himself in Eden, and he has been strengthening his defenses ever since, until to-day we find them harder to assail than ever, for the prince of darkness is good at diplomacy and strategy, and when we think ourselves a match for him we find him using our very best methods to defeat our own plans.

At one time ignorance was a great stronghold in which satan entrenched himself. There was a revival of learning and it brought with it new weapons of offense and defense, and they have been used to advantage in the great war of the ages; men have been enamed and with the enlightment they have discovered how ignorance has raised up such gigantic projudices, that when the truth is revealed they are ready to selve hold of the most trilling objections to religion; they hate the truth, and they advocate any foolish thing which is prejudicial to God's truth, because it requires faithfulness, obedience and holiness to the Lord, and the devil through enlightment is stirring up sedition against God, because He is too strict, and as a consequence the "intelligent" man in the pride of his own importance entrenches himself against the spirit of gospel truth which teaches humility. Is it not true that pride is a very common barrier to the salvation of the men? We read "that God resistent the spirit of gospel truth which grace to the humble," and what an array of testimony the ages furnish us, in this respect.

Does it not make your heart sick within you when you hear men discrediting the gospel, denying its efficacy, and yet they often rothing in substitution for it? They tell us that religion is the haluclination of a famitics and priests and sneer at a state of sin. They preach morality and deny the punishment of sin, they entrench themselves in a logic as faise as its author, the devil, for if they would be consistent they need not even be moral; if immortality i

it is a denial of civil 'aw, as well as a denial of spiritual law.

Our warfare is no child's play, and the strongholds can only be destroyed with appropriate weapons, and the text specifies them, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mightly through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Mark how positive the aposile is in describing them.

Continuing, Mr. Speers spoke of the weapon of the Christian warfare—the word of Christ-and said:

Used plainly, simply, earnesily, and fearlessly, it has been, it is, and it shall be, the most effective weapon in our warfare against the strongholds of sin and satan. Truth is its foundation, and principles, and truth is bound to overcome error. The word of God enlightens the mind and thereby ignorance, prejudice, pride, avarice and unbellef are forced out of the life, and a new life begins. The power of God is in the life, and His spirit fills the spirit of man, and casting aside all the superficial and unnecessary matters of veligion, we press forward in "our warfare." The weapons not carnal; our leader the Divine Lord; our triumph, marked by a holy joy, and our song of victory at the gates of the celestial city.

ATTHE Y. M. C. A.

At the men's meeting t the Y. M. C. A. attendance of the members and visitors.

yesterday afternoon there was a good attendance of the members and visitors. Rev. C. B. Austin, pastor of Vance Memorial church, made a brief talk, which was much enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Austin chose his text from the first Epistic of St. John, in which the apostle addressed young men. The apostle was interested in young men, for the reason that he saw in them promise, in this age, said Mr. Austin, there is a need for the proper kind of young men; on them were great responsibilities. There needs to be a development of stockily built Christianity. Gladstone is a man who found time amid all his duties to become an earnest Christian, and a hard-working student of God's word. Young men should imitate Gladstone's example.

A young man eventually finds that he must stand by himself, that is, become independent, and associated with his knowledge of his latent strength is a feeling that he is held by certain restraints. In this connection, Milton has written of liberty. His idea of liberty was of two kinds; freedom of oppressions from without. But liberty is more that deliverance from evils within, and is more prominent and necessary than freedom of outside restraints. Hence a young man needs to be strong; and there is a demand now for the staunchest kind of Christian integrity. The demand of these times is for a religion which shall have force. Young men love that which is strong, and despise that which is weak. Speaking of manhood, Rev. Mr. Austin said everyman knew what it meant, though several definitions were given.

In closing, Mr. Austin saked young men to take courage. There was no reason to be discouraged. God is a patient creature. It is natural for a young man to doubt some of the passages of the Bible, but in maturer years he will

items to be discouraged, God is a pa-tient creature. It is natural for a young man to doubt some of the passages of the Bible, but in maturer years he will see things in a different light, and un-derstand more fully God's many graces. A sturdy, manly, Christian life should be sought after.

and evening to good audiences, which, while not as large as the performances merited, were thoroughly appreciative of the efforts of the ladies and gentlemen who interpreted the characters in an artistic manner. The work of the protagonists was of a decidedly professional flavor and called for the warmest praise. It is a very difficult matter for amateurs to get rid of the intimate acquaintance with the people who compose the audience, and in this regard they are more or less handicapped. The audience likewise loses some of the finer touches of the actor's art by a more or less familiarity with his or her personality. Given these drawback it is with pleasure that the Intelligencer notes the success with which The Players overcame them and so delightfully entertained those who witnessed their artistic achievements. REV. MR. MOOSHY PREACHES. Last evening at the First Presbyterian church, Rev. I. B. Mooshy, a native Ar-menian, preached to a large congregrea-tion on "Armenia's Misery." His word painting of the condition of his coun-trymen was graphic and appealing.

FOURTEEN CANDIDATES.

Testerday morning at St. Paul's German Lutheran church the ceremonies attending the examination of fourten young men and women, candidates for confirmation, were witnessed by a large congregation. The floral decorations were beautiful and claborate.

AMUSEMENTS.

Trained seals and sea lions, giant male hippopotamus, African cland, Ethiopian horned horse, Niger antelope, full-grown snow-white priar bear, huge two-horned Sumatra, rhinoceros, two strange saddle-back tapirs, and two greatest herds of best educated elephants, are among the rare wild beast features to be seen only in the Adam Forepaugh-Selis Bros. enormous double menageries. And, as a whole, it is pronounced a natural kingdom collection, surpassing in both variety and quality any national zoological garden of either the old or new world. All these huge, wild, cute, cunning and queer savage creatures, and scores of others, will be shown here on Wednesday, May 4, and ample time given for their inspection, both before and after the arenic and serial performances and hippodrome full-grown snow-white priar bear, huge

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The Players gave three fine comedies

and evening to good audiences, which,

SENATE FORECAST. Little Attention will be Given to Augthing Except the Cuban Question

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- A major-

ity of the senate will give very little

attention to any other subject until the

Cuban question is finally disposed of in

congress. That body having acted upon

the resolutions of independence and in-

tervention, the question is not now properly before it, but there is such in-

tense interest that senators will con-

tinue to give it their individual atten-

tion until an adjustment with the house

The supporters of the senate form of

expression are very hopeful that public sentiment will compel the house to accept the senate declaration, but they

know that the influential conservative

element is against them, and they realize that they may be disappointed in

the action of the house. In that event they are prepared to stand out against

a surrender on the part of the senate.

How long this determination will hold

remains to be developed, but the advo-cates of the recognition of Cuban inde-pendence refuse to be convinced that any other course than its recognition is tenable. They decline to even discuss terms of any compromise short of the

terms of any compromise short of the senate's action on this point. Whether they would hold to this if they should find the house equally determined, is not certain in view of the pressure for action. Still many of the most radical pro-Cubars say that insufficient action is no better than no action at all.

On the other hand, there is an element in the senate of respectable proportions which favors the house resolutions over those of the senate and whose

portions which favors the house resolu-tions over those of the senate and whose influence will be constantly exerted in the senate against that body's own declaration. The outspoken senators who hold this view are the twenty-one who voted against the resolutions as amended, and there are probably a dozen more who voted for the declara-tion as a whole who are not at heart favorable to it and who would not be greatly disappointed at finding an op-pertunity to modify the senate's posi-tion. Thus it is that while the senti-ment in the senate is not yet sufficiently crystallized to justify positive predic-tion, there is enough difference of opin-ion to present an interesting situation

ion to present an interesting situation if the house should fall to endorse the senate's action.

Aside of the Cuban question, the sen-

ate probably will devote itself largely during the week to the appropriation bills. The sundry civil has been only partially considered and the naval bill

is on the calendar awaiting action. There are many disputed points in both bills.

NEW BATTLESHIP

Alabama to be Lannched at Cramps yards on May 15.

PHILADELPHIA April 17-It was

carned here to-day that May 15 has been fixed as the date for the launching

of the United States battleship Alabama, in course of construction at Cramp's shipyard. Miss Morgan,

daughter of United States Senator Mor-

gan, will, it is stated, christen the ship

named in honor of her native state.

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The Mahama will be the first in the water of the three big battleships contracted for in October, 1826. The other two, the Wisconsin and Illinois, are being built respectively at San Francisco and Newport News. All three are identically alike.

The Alabama's keel was laid in November, 1826, and work on her has been considerably dekayed because of the compilication that arose over the ques-

is secured.

A dramatic story is told of a young man in Chicago who believed he had heart disease. He abstained from exercise and he avoided excitement. He dosed himself persistently and imagined that only by leading an invalids life could he hope to keep death at arm's length. One day he suddenly met a woman who had been associated with a discreditable chapter in his history.

"My God i my beart!" circled the young man, and he fell at his feet stone dead. An autopay showed that his heart was absolutely sound. It was the opinion of the physicians that he might have lived to a ripe old age if he had taken the precaution to consult a competent specialist. The time when a physician was laughed at for devoding himself to one branch of his profession is past. So broad is the field of medical knowledge that no one man can hope to cultivate it all. The seven great men whose portraits accompany this article have earned the undying gratitude of the world by their work as specialists. Notice that the frame of the pictures is a "5" preceded by a dollar mark. Five dollars is a great or a small sum, according to circumstances. One thing is certain: a five-dollar bill never looks quite so small as when it is considered as the price of a complete dispensis and full treatment by medical specialists of the highest rank.

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pay for armor plate. This matter is likely to be settled speedily now, as the bill providing for the payment of the \$400 a top for armor has passed the week, considering the unfavorable weather, was remarkable. A reputation for merit was established, which should be sufficient to ensure crowded houses during the coming week. There will be a new play each night, and at the Wednesday and Saturday matinees, and entirely new specialties will be produced between acts, giving a continuation of the feature of the first week. A set of views for the marvelous vitoscope arrived Saturday. The same prices will prevail during the week, and seats for any play may be secured at the box office. house and is now pending in the senate.

In all 8,600 tons of armor will be required for the three battleships, including ballistic plates, boits and other necessary Harveyized steel appurtenances.

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The size of the Alabama can be comprehended from the fact that she is eight feet longer than the large battleship Iowa, completed by the Cramps last year. She is No. 8 in the naval register and is technically known as a first class sea-guing battleship. Her length on load water line is 268 feet, extreme breacht 72 feet 5 inches, mean draught 23 feet 6 inches and displacement at that draught 11,825 ions. She will have two vertical invetted three cylinder triple expansion engines driving twin screws, estimated to develop 10,000 indicated horze power under a moderate forced draught. Her guaranteed speed is to be sixteen knots an hour. The boilers are to carry 180 pounds pressure.

The armament will be four 13-inch breech-ioading rifles, mounted in pairs in two elliptical turrets on the middle line, one forward and one aft of the superstructure; fourteen 6-inch rapid.

fire breech-loading rifles, mounted in sponsons, and a secondary battery of sixteen 6-pounder and four 1 pounder tling and one field gun. She will also have four torpedo tubes.

The side armor of the Alabama is to

The side armor of the Alabama 18 to be 16½ inches thick at the top of the belt, tapering to 9½ inches at the bottom. In the turrets the port hole plates will be 17 inches thick and other plates 15 inches. Inside this will rise a protective deck with armor 4 inches thick with a protective deck with armor 4 inches thick with a protective deck with armor 4 inches thick

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